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Co-ordinator

D.C. names his team

I am pleased to announce the names of the District Team and I am sure that you join with me in wishing them every success in their roles as we take the District through the challenging times ahead.

Chris King	ADC (Scouts)
Deb Dilley	ADC (Cubs)
Margaret (Maggie) Miller	ADC (Beavers)
Roger Comley	ADC (Fellowship)
Andrea Soulsby	ADC (Adult Training) + District Change Agent (PRI)
John Chapman	ADC (International)
Gareth Howell	Mountain Adviser
Venetia Crowther	Special Needs
Ron Smith	Appointments Secretary

Chris King - is also a Scout Leader with 1st Baldock. He enjoys outdoor pursuits and organised many camps, night hikes and re-established old events such as Kon Tiki. His commitment, good humour and boundless energy were in evidence at Lochearnhead.

Deb Dilley - Deb has moved to the Cub Section after a period as ADC (Beavers). Deb has been in Scouting for many years and has the distinction of gaining a Wood Badge in the Beaver, Cub and Scout Section as well as the Commissioner Wood Badge. She does her Scouting with the 2nd Baldock.

Maggie Miller - Maggie is new to the team. She has just completed her Wood Badge (Beaver) and will bring her enthusiasm and bubbling personality to the Beaver Scouts. She has already organised many events and sing songs for the Beavers. She does her Scouting with 4th Letchworth.

Roger Comley - Roger will continue in his role as ADC (Fellowship) and the Sections look forward to working with the District Fellowship.

Andrea Soulsby - Joins the team as ADC (Adult Training). She has already made her mark in this area as an assistant to John. Under her leadership training will continue to have a high profile in the District. She is also the Gang Show Producer and District Change Agent, so you will be hearing a lot from her over the next two years.

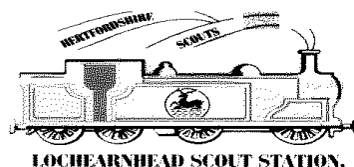
John Chapman - John has changed his role to oversee International Scouting in recognition of his world wide travels. Don't be surprised to get a phone call from Iran one evening.

Gareth Howell - Gareth was Scout Leader at the 11th Letchworth. He has a passion for the mountains and has taken part in a number of mountain leadership courses.

Venetia Crowther - Venetia was formerly Cub Scout Leader at 1st 3rd Letchworth and has an interest in children with special needs.

Ron Smith - Ron continues as Appointments Secretary. Ron was formerly Chairman at the 12th Letchworth and is a member of the District Executive Committee. Please keep him informed of your adult leaders / helpers and parents to ensure that we carry out the right procedures for the appointment and retention of adults.

Lochearnhead



Well summer is over and hopefully you are all back in action, thoughts of the summer receding like the light in the evening, did Lochearnhead happen? were we really there? were those bagpipes I heard? It must have been, I still have the midge bites to prove it! Oh what happy memories.

I just thought I would take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to everyone of you who gave time, commitment and enthusiasm to the Lochearnhead expedition. Without you we would not have been able to give the Scouts the excitement and exhilaration they most obviously got whilst in the mountains of Scotland. I feel sure you will all join me in saying a big thank you to the Scouts themselves, after all it was for them we did it! They put their heart and soul into all the activities and the standard of behaviour throughout proved to me that we have a great collection of Scouts in our District.

Not wishing to embarrass anyone in particular but I would like to express my special thanks to Nick Farmer for his two years of dedication to the project, his wife Lesley for her endless support to him, the caterers who kept us well (or over) fed and watered for the fortnight (thanks team) and to the Lochearnhead warden, Maurice for his guidance and advice.

For those of you who weren't there we gave Bob a highly charged and emotional send off on the Saturday night with his wife, Roger Sands and Allan Patterson in attendance as well as both weeks groups of Scouts and leaders to numerous to mention who drove up for the weekend (the station was heaving with people), the tears and wine flowed and the atmosphere was wonderful. Even now when we think back to it I suspect a tear will well up in our eyes. Hopefully Rita will be circulating some photos soon for you all to see.

Once again thank you one and all for your help and dedication to the expedition, personally I can't wait for the next one!!!.

Enquiries are already being made for our next visit – watch this space.

Chris King
ADC (Scouts)

District Arts & Crafts Competition

By now all Colonies, Packs, Troops and Units should be busy creating their entries for the Bi-annual District Arts and Craft competition.

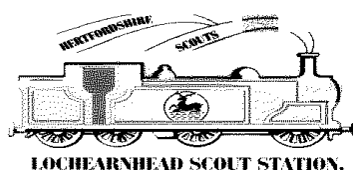
Adults do not forget that you have your own categories and this year you will be competing for a new replacement shield which has been kindly donated by Anne Lilley, Scout Fellowship.

If you are unsure of the categories or rules please contact Maggie Miller ADC (Beavers) who is coordinating this year's competition.

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Lochearnhead



Three Scouts from the 2nd Weston Scout Group went to Lochearnhead, Chris, Matt and Iain.

On the first day we had a go at sailing. Thankfully, we didn't capsize once ! Day two suffered the dreaded night hike. We walked to the middle of no-where, camped, and then in the morning walked back a different way. What fun ! The next few days were spent climbing up a rock face then abseiling back down, five of us went cycling for seven miles to a loch and met up with the other five Scouts who were canoeing. The next day we went on a day hike up Ben Ledi. On Saturday most people went to town but the rest of us abseiled down the side of the bridge for fun. After that we packed our bags for going home the next day. On the last day we said our goodbyes and went home.

Lochearnhead was a great opportunity and I would love to go again if I was given the chance. I know all of us would like to say a big thank you to all the leaders and all of the people who made the trip possible (especially the cooks!).

Chris Amoss
2nd Weston

My favourite part about Lochearnhead was getting to meet new friends. I also enjoyed the rock climbing and canoeing. I got absolutely soaked in canoeing because a Venture Scout got squashy balls filled them up with water and squeezed them over my head

Iain Brook
2nd Weston

At 6.00 am we were on the coach and ready to go to Lochearnhead. We started at Tesco's. When we were ready to go we said goodbye to our families and we were off on our way. We stopped at a service station and toilets. It was a massively long and bumpy journey to Scotland. We got there in one piece.

When we finally arrived we stood on the platform to be told where and how we will spend our first week of Scouting

We got told which cabin we will sleep in. Me Chris and Iain slept in a cabin called Stuca Chroin with some other Scouts. At 7.00 am we went down for flag break and then got dismissed.

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..... For dinner, we had for the first day: Tomato Soup Cottage Pie, New Potatoes, Peas and Sweet Corn, Apple Crumble and Custard

There was a wide range of things to eat every day from pizza to chicken pie, from bread and butter pudding to fruit salad and the breakfast really set you up for the day.

We did loads of activities such as, sailing, canoeing, hiking and more. My favourite activity was the canoeing because we did tasks and my one was to lie down on the canoe and touch my nose on the end of the canoe but unfortunately I fell in to the ice cold water. It was so cold it was hard to breathe. Before we went canoeing we cycled to the lake but the only problem was that it was all up hill ! We did a day hike and a night hike and both were hard. On the day hike we climbed up a big mountain called Ben Ledi. It was really windy up there and the sights were amazing. The night hike was really really boggy and cold and thank goodness I took hat and gloves.

I also enjoyed the sailing. It was really fun but scary when the boat tips to the side. I really liked the rock climbing and abseiling down a rock face. I kept falling off so I was lucky that I had help.

I was quite glad that the time had come for us to leave Scotland and head back to good old Hertfordshire, as I was very tired.

So I had to say goodbye to my friends, the midges and go 400 miles down to Hertfordshire.

Matthew Anderson
2nd Weston

District & County Training

District Skills Day

This year's District Skills Day will be held at Boyd Field in Henlow on **SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER** from 10 am till 4 pm. Please arrive at 9:30am for coffee with activities starting at 10am. The plan is to be active – have a go on the Climbing Wall, the Rifle Range and Archery – take the opportunity whilst you haven't got your Beavers, Cubs or Scouts with you.

We will also run some other activities such as outdoor cooking, knotting, map & compass, craft ideas – all depending on what people would like to do.

Please let Andrea Soulsby know if you are able to attend and also what activities you would particularly like to do – without your input we cannot tailor the day for you

TOPS Community Sports Training

Would you like to learn some new games, learn the skills for a variety of simple sports suitable for children of all ages? Then come along to 1st Baldock Scout HQ on **MONDAY 22nd OCTOBER** from 6pm till 10pm and join in the TOPS Community Sports Training Session.

This session is being led by Rebecca Coates from North Herts District Council. The session will be for a maximum of 4 hours starting at 6pm (if you can't make it dead on 6pm then don't panic, join in when you can get there)

Please let Andrea Soulsby know if you are intending to come along so that we have an idea of numbers etc.

County Training Dates

If you would like to attend any of the following training sessions being run at Well End then please contact Andrea Soulsby for a booking form:-

First Response (FR 06) (FR 07)	– Sat 17 th November 2001 – Sat 2 nd February 2002
Phase 3/41 3/42	– Sun 3 rd February + 17 th March 2002 – Mon 13 May + 3 further evenings
Phase 4/8 (Ventures)	– 10/11 November 2001 + 2 further weekends in 2002
Phase 4/11 (Cubs)	– 1-3 March + 17-19 May 2002
Phase 4/9 (Scouts)	– 15/16 June + 29 Sept + 12/13 October 2002
Phase 4/10 (Beavers)	– 14/15 September + 10 November 2002
Phase 5/29 5/30	– Tue 9 th October + 17/18 November 2001 – Tue 12 th February + 23/24 March 2002
GCA Unit 7 Unit 6 Unit 11	– Training Responsibility – Sat 10 th November 2001 – Managing a Team of Adults – 17th/18 th November 2001 – Extending Scouting – 18 th November (pm)

Adventurous Activity Training Courses

NSRA Instructor's Course

Would you like to become a Rifle Shooting Instructor?

If so then there are some opportunities coming up to take part in a one-day training course at Gilwell Park.

Dates Saturday 13th October OR
 Sunday 25th November
Time 9 am till 5 pm
Cost £40 per participant (including lunch)

Please contact Andrea Soulsby asap if you would like to attend one of the above courses.



Archery Instructor's Course

Would you like to become an Archery Instructor ?

If so there are two opportunities coming up as follows:-

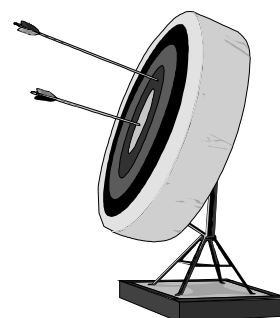
- **Stubbers, near Upminster, Essex.**

Dates are:- 10th/11th November + 18th November + 25th November + 1st December
(NB: You must be able to attend all the above dates as the course is 25 hours duration)
Times :- November dates are 10am till 5pm; 1st December is a half day for assessment
Cost : £70 per participant (please take your own lunch)

- **Tolmers Scout Camp Site, Hertfordshire**

Dates are: 9th/10th February + 16th/17th February 2002
(NB: You must be able to attend for both weekends)
Times:- 9am till 6pm
Cost :- £125 per participant (includes all catering & accommodation for Fri/Sat nights)

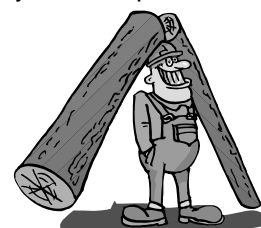
If you would like to take part then please contact Andrea Soulsby asap on 01462 643992.



FREE Pallets

Is your Group holding a bonfire night ? Do you require any wooden pallets for your fire.

If the answer is YES then look no further - Contact Geoff Smith, ASL at 5th Letchworth Scouts on 01462 680006 or during working hours Geoff Smith or Alan Cross at Curtis Plastics on 01582 737221. Pallets are available throughout the year as well. Delivery is free if enough notice is given.



Gilwell Reunion

Well I had an interesting weekend at Gilwell at the beginning of September. I came away armed with what seemed like a car-bootful of information sheets on hundreds of subjects.

On Saturday, there were many bases and tents full of stalls offering advice, showing ideas and selling goods. There were craft bases where you could have a go at making something such as HAMA beads, artstraws etc. There were information tents such as that for the Thailand Jamboree where you could have a go at competitions, watch fruit/veg carving, buy jamboree badges, woggles and packs. There were charity stalls such as Hearing Dogs for the Deaf, where you could talk to people and receive information packs about their work. The Scout Association resource and archive centres were open, as well as Outdoors (Scout Shop) with tents and uniforms on show/sale.

On Sunday afternoon the areas were full of activity ideas such as mountain-biking, climbing, caving, scuba diving, sailing, orienteering, archery, rifle shooting – you name it and someone was probably there sharing their information.

So now, if you want to know something about any activity then please just ask – because if I haven't already got some information about it then I will probably know where I can get it!

Andrea Soulsby – ADC (Adult Training)

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PRI - Programme Review Implementation



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implementation*

Members of the District Team and GSLs from Letchworth and Baldock and Hitchin joined forces to hear Anne Barnes (Deputy County Commissioner and County Change Agent) talk about the changes being introduced to the structure of Scouting.

Her talk concentrated on the Explorer Scout section and the Scout Network. This is the area where Scouting is currently finding most difficulty and failing to retain membership.

Her theme was flexibility - that Scouting must be presented to these age groups in a way which will allow them to experience many Scouting activities without necessarily tying them down to the present pattern of regular weekly meetings.

Large Groups may have sufficient Scouts to organise their own Explorer Scouts but it is likely that groups will form for specialist activities such as mountaineering or water activities or to participate in the Gang Show. There is also provision for a new role of Young Leader.

The Explorer Scouts will be organised at District level and two new appointments have been introduced - the Explorer Scout Commissioner and the Explorer Scout administrator.

The Scout Network will develop along similar lines but will be organised at County Level.

The District Team has started to plan how this might operate in our District and leaders are welcome to join the debate by contacting Dave or Chris.

Please do not try to resist the change or alter things to suit your own needs. The debate is over and a new model has been set up to deliver Scouting to the older age groups. It is important that we all move forward together to deliver a quality programme.

Thank you Anne for an interesting talk which clearly outlined the way ahead and for the interesting and thought provoking discussion which followed.

Bob Williams



PRI

This month I thought it would be good to look at the new uniform.

There are key elements and optional elements to the new uniform for all sections.

The key elements are a sweatshirt, trousers and neckerchief for the Beavers and Cubs; and a shirt, trousers and neckerchief for Scouts, Explorers, Scout Network and Adults.

The optional elements are a polo shirt and baseball cap for all sections; and a sweatshirt for Scouts, Explorers, Scout Network and Adults.

Trousers are primarily combat/cargo style in Navy Blue. However from Scouts upwards there is the option to wear smart navy blue trousers, or a skirt (if female!)

You will probably have discovered the new colours by now but here is a reminder:-

Beavers	– Turquoise	Cubs	– Dark green
Scouts	– Teal Green	Explorers	– Beige
Scout Network & Adults	– Stone		

Badges are to be placed on the sweatshirt/shirt in the same positions as now, apart from the Group nametape, District & County badges on the right sleeve which should be placed below the embroidered Scout Association logo. Badges should not be placed on the polo shirt.

It is probably a good idea within your Group or Section to decide whether you are going to wear the baseball cap and then let the child/parents know before they go to buy their uniform.

We will have to enjoy the new multi-coloured look to our meetings, so please remember the most important point is that changing to the new uniform is not meant to be a radical change that happens overnight – there is a two year change-over period – we have until 31st December 2003 to changeover to the new look.

Any questions/queries that you may have about any aspect of PRI then please contact me either by phone (01462-643992), snail mail (32 The Rowans, Baldock) or E-Mail (a.soulsby@ntlworld.com)

Andrea Soulsby
PRI Change Agent for Letchworth & Baldock District

Letchworth & Baldock District Scout Council

Due to popular demand the District pocket diary for 2002 is now on sale at the Scout & Guide Shop priced £3.50. There is a limited supply so buy yours now. Don't forget that Christmas is just around the corner.

As usual all warranted Leaders will shortly be receiving their complimentary diary if it has not already been delivered.

BADGES



As part of the Scout Association's Programme Review most current badge designs have been reviewed. The outcome of this exercise is the redesign of current badges. The Group, District, World Badges and Group name tapes are not affected.

The new designs will be launched at a series of Regional Launches of the new Programme, in February 2002.



To control the process initially stock may only be issued upon receipt of the new Outdoors Badge Order Form which will be made available to County/Area Commissioner at the Regional Launches.

They will then be given to the District Commissioners who will pass on the forms to the Badge Secretaries so that stock can be ordered.

There will be sufficient time to obtain stocks of new badges before the Groups begin to operate the new programme.

Current badges will be available until the end of 2003.



Wearing of Badges

On the new uniform the District, County and Group sash must be positioned under the embossed Scout Logo on the right sleeve.

National occasional badges can be worn as directed and for such periods as decided by Headquarters (usually twelve months)

Group, District and County occasional badges in connection with special gatherings, events or anniversaries must be approved by the County Commissioner and must not be worn after a period of three months from the date of the conclusion of the occasion unless exceptionally authorised by the County Commissioner in respect of special circumstances for a further period not exceeding nine months.

I would respectfully ask all Leaders to ensure that all members of their Group follow the above advice taken from POR (Policy Rules and Organisation).

IT'S HISTORY IN THE MAKING AS ENGLISH HERITAGE SPONSORS SCOUT HERITAGE BADGE

Copies of a 'step-by-step' guide for Leaders on helping Scouts to gain the Badge has been sent to Groups.

It includes information on how to arrange free visits to sites of historic interest for your Scout Troop and also how Scouts who complete the Badge can get free family days out.

Study categories include helping to preserve an aspect of local or national heritage, becoming involved in a traditional entertainment group or studying an aspect of history.

The English Heritage offers free visits for Scout Groups at its 409 historic properties and has also made available the expertise of its nine regional education officers to help inspire and smooth the way for Leaders. And every Scout achieving the Badge will receive a free family day out to an English Heritage property of their choice.

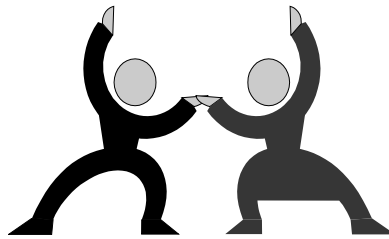


Gang Show 2002

This year's show will be at Plinston Hall on Friday 15 and Saturday 16 March 2002.

Rehearsals will commence on Saturday 3 November at 1st/3rd Letchworth Scout HQ from 4:30 pm till 6:30 pm for the first week. Subsequent weeks will be 4:30 pm - 6 pm for the Cubs/Brownies and 6.00 pm - 7:30 pm for Scouts/Ventures/Guides and Adults

Tickets will be available at a special promotional price of £3 per ticket until Saturday 19 January 2002 (booked and paid for). After this date tickets will be £4.50 each. Order forms will be sent to all groups with next months Co-Ordinator.



One Year On - District Mini Bus

The mini bus has been with the District for just over a year. The first official booking was with 12th Letchworth Cubs when the mini bus was used to transport them to Peterborough Ice Rink. Since then the mini bus has been to Lochearnhead, Phasels, Tolmers, Coetmor Mill and many other locations too numerous to mention. It has been used by Beaver Colonies, Cub Packs, Scout Troops, Venture Scout Units, Scout Fellowship, the District and County. The cost of hire will remain the same.

Evening Hire	Open to negotiation
Half day	£ 25.00
Day	£ 40.00
Weekend	£100.00
Week	£200.00

Plus the cost of fuel

Please contact Bob Williams for bookings and further information.

Tel: 01462 686727

11th Letchworth and 8th Letchworth joined forces and held a joint Cub Camp at Norton Bury.

The Jamboree snake woggle and "Share our world, Share our cultures" full colour resource pack is on sale via the Information Centre at Gilwell Park. Call 0845 300 1818 to order yours.

A little birdie told me that the Beech Springs VSU have a new executive. I can reveal that it is Richard Matheson-Chairman
Rachel Edwards - Vice Chairman
Anna Dilley - Secretary
Joel Mill - Treasurer

Norton Bury - Wardens' Social Evening Barbara Crombie presentation

Nearly thirty people attended the informal social evening organised to thank Wardens for all the time they give to Norton Bury. An informal discussion on the running of the centre and the new development at Wymondley Wood preceded the highlight of the evening which was a presentation to Barbara Crombie to mark her resignation as Chairperson of the Management Committee.

Barbara has been associated with Norton Bury since its earliest days and has devoted her time managing the Centre as well as rolling up her sleeves to maintain the buildings and grounds.

Barbara's vision, enthusiasm and dedication to the Centre have been at the heart of its success and we are all very grateful to her.

The Scout Association recognised her contribution when she received the Chief Scout's Commendation for services to Norton Bury.

How it all began

Flanders and Picardy, areas of Northern France and Belgium, saw some of the most concentrated fighting during the First World War, but the poppy flowered every year, giving hope and reassurance to an otherwise devastated place. John McCrae, a doctor serving with the Canadian Armed Forces, was deeply moved by what he saw in Northern France, and in 1915 wrote the following poem.

***In Flanders' field the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.***

***We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.***

***Take up our quarrel with the foe;
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' field.***

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year's Remembrance Sunday is on the 11 November 2001. Hopefully we will have the usual good turn out at the war memorial and in local churches. Please let Dave know if your group will be on parade so that he can co-ordinate arrangements

On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918, the First World War ended. Moina Michael, an American War Secretary with the YMCA and a writer, was moved by John McCrae's work. She wrote

***And now the torch and poppy red
Wear in honour of our dead.***

Moina Michael bought some red poppies, and wore one herself and sold the remainder to friends, giving the money to Servicemen in need. Her colleague, Madame Guerin, impressed with Moina's achievement proposed the making of artificial poppies for sale, to help ex-Service people and their families. And so the tradition began.

The first Poppy Day was held in Britain on 11

We are sorry to hear that Mike Miles has been in hospital . He is now out and about again and we wishing him a speedy recovery,

Look Ahead to Tomorrow

There is always the hope of tomorrow
to brighten the clouds of today,
There is always a corner for turning
no matter how weary the way.
So just look ahead to tomorrow
and trust that you'll find waiting there
The sunlight that seemed to be hidden
by yesterday's clouds of despair.

Norton Bury to Wymondley Wood

A time scale of events has now been drawn up for the transfer of our Activity Centre to Wymondley Wood.

2001

October - Submission of planning application

2002

February - granting of planning permission
- detailed design of building
- building put out to tender

March - tenders received

April / May - commencement of building

October - completion of building

December - Norton Bury closes

2003

January - transfer of equipment etc

Spring - Wymondley Wood opens

There is still time for you to share your thoughts on the building and the lay-out of the grounds. Plans will be available at all section meetings for your comment.

A busy end week to a busy weekend

A busy end week to a busy weekend. Work blah, blah, stress. Committee meetings one on top of another, works do - too much red wine.. ooh my head..

Friday evening Scouts split into two. One lot swimming at Hitchin pool. Easy. The APL/PL at Hitch Wood with Sir Chris King. (well, he ought to be knighted, the amount of work he puts into Scouting). Guilt trips. Should have been at Hitch Wood but couldn't get Saturday off. Should have had more information and been more help to my PL/APL, but well, they've got to learn to use their own initiative.

Good news. Phoned Sir Chris on his mobile, all well, see.. they really can sort themselves out! Bad news. Went swimming with the younger ones. Wrong choice. Dive bombed, splashed. I was the target, nothing malicious, but.. I gave all six of them a race and came second. And I gave them 25 years (liar!) Then I raced them again and they tried to drown me. Scary. I got out and sat with Steve Grover, one of my new parent helpers. He had his son with him. James. Bright six year old. Dad? if I save real hard all my pocket money and save up for Christmas and I manage to save up five pounds will you match it? Yes son. Goes to Mum.. Mum, if I save up all of my pocket money? ten pounds? yes? goes to big working brother? clever little con. But it didn't work, they caught him out.. Steve readily told me that James is a terror at school? regular Dennis the Menace; and he comes up to Scouts in four years? mmm..

Dinner was over by the time I arrived at Hitch Wood, but I was still in time to eat all I could of a delicious Chicken Stew followed by apple pie (but not cold custard.. yuk!)

Then followed a Venture Scout wide game of hiding and seeking some sort of yellow eye of some other sort of god... whatever. The Scouts had plenty of opportunity to run around and tire themselves out. And then they had another wide game, just to make sure..

After a very uncomfortable night on the ground trying to sleep, I helped cook and serve breakfast. The best breakfast there is, camp type. Fresh air, sausages, bacon, beans, fried egg. But where is the Scout's appetite nowadays?

Went visiting the patrols' bivouacs that they had made the previous day. Was impressed by my lot, they could have comfortably slept in theirs overnight, it was dry, cosy? but they lost it.. too well concealed for them to find in the dark?

The patrols sorted out a hike to Whitwell while we stoked up the fire and started to clear up. The Venture Scouts disgusted us by eating bourbon biscuit, cake and cold custard sandwiches for their breakfast. Their appetite is fine, but where is their sense of taste?

Talking of taste.. then when the Scouts returned we did some backwoods cooking. Thanks to Mick Dilley we were treated to some freshly dead rabbits. Double yuk! But to my surprise some of the less squeamish ones were up for it. Chopping off heads and legs with an axe. Gutting, skinning, and cooking over the camp fire. Eating? Must say I tried a bit, and yes it was OK. Not as good as the sweetcorn baked in foil or the baked potatoes or the fish steaks in a fresh pepper and onion sauce.. but it was an experience watching Sir Chris getting his hands bloody, and you just couldn't help but watch, even the most squeamish, even the veggies were fascinated! But did they eat a full meal? No. Where is their appetite nowadays? Or was it the multi-packs of Twix etc? perhaps not a lot changes..

Dave Strong
7th Letchworth SL

In last's month issue I asked if someone could tell me what the 11th Scout Law was. KJ provided the answer. When we had Ten Scout Laws (Trusty, Loyal, Helpful, Brotherly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrift, Clean in body and Mind) the eleventh one was "A Scout in no fool".

A lot of things were changed in 1966 : but not everything.

K.J.

Norton Bury - Wardens



OCTOBER

2	Nora Hitcham	01462 627905
9	Bob Williams	01462 686727
16	Ruth Baker	01462 682752
23	Jeff Robson	01462 684954
30	Peter & Hannah Moules	01462 435103

NOVEMBER

6	Sheila & David Dawes	01462 621699
13	John Moys	01462 487847
20	Julia Pollard	01462 686190
27	TBA	

DECEMBER

4	Michael Wright	
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Congratulations to the following leaders who have completed training recently:-

Phase 4

Mandy Woolmer - 7th Letchworth
Cubs

GCA Unit 10 (Developing Scouting)

Dave Upson - GSL 1st/3rd Letchworth
Wendy Tierney - GSL 2nd Weston

Congratulations and well done to

Sheila Tickner GSL 8th Letchworth

Fiona Potts CSL 1st Baldock

John Austin CSL 1st Baldock

For achieving the Wood Badge



SPADS

Presents

PUSS IN BOOTS

At

The plinston hall, Broadway

Friday 28 December 2001

to

Saturday 5 January 2002

Tickets available from 1 October

Evening Performances 28 & 29 December
3,4 & 5 January

Matinee Performances 28, 29 & 31
December
1 & 5 January

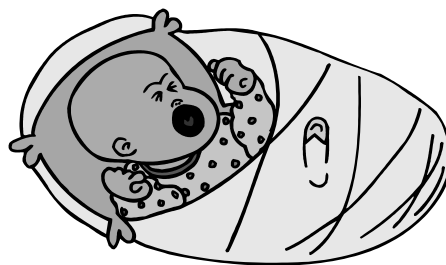
Performance Times : 2.30 pm and 7.00 pm

Ticket prices: Raised Seats £7.00 Adult
£6.00 Child/Concession

Level Seats £6.50 Adult
£5.50 Child/Concession

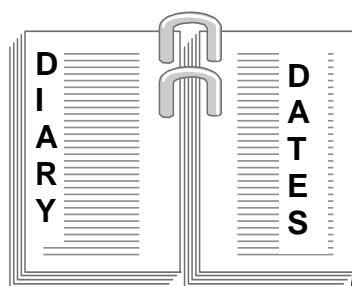
Babies in arms: All seats
£3.00

Phone: 01462 677157
for a booking form.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Neil Ludlow,
1st Baldock ASL and Claire on the
birth of their son William.
Now the fun really starts.



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OCTOBER

6	Beaver Sports Day	Norton Bury	3 - 5 pm
7	District Cub Outing	Woburn	
11	District Executive	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
12	Lochearnhead Leaders Reunion	The Orange Tree	8.00 pm
13	District Beaver Outing	Gullivers Land	
13	District Scout Fellowship AGM	Guide HQ Icknield Way	7.30 pm
14	County Cub Cycle Cross	Well End	
19 - 21	Icknield Shield and Night Jar		
28	District Skills Day	Boyd Field - Henlow	10.00 am - 4.00 pm

NOVEMBER

3	Gang Show Rehearsal	1st 3rd Letchworth	
5	Bonfire Night		
8	District Executive	Norton Bury	
10	District Arts & Crafts	TBA	
12	Cub Leaders' Meeting	TBA	
16	District Cub Quiz	5th Let HQ	
16-18	Green Beret	Tolmers	
19	GSLs' Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
22	Scout Leaders' Meeting		
23	District Scout Quiz	4th Letchworth HQ	

DECEMBER

13	District Executive Meeting	Norton Bury	8.00 pm
17	District Team Meeting	Orange Tree	8.00 pm

NIGHT JAR 20 - 21 October

Please help Beech Springs Venture Scout Unit to raise funds towards the cost of sending two of their members to the 2002/2003 World Jamboree in Thailand.

The Venture Scouts will be selling hot drinks and soup at the District Night Jar Competition.

Don't forget your cash . Personal cheques value over £3.00 accepted on production of a bankers card.



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